



**RETIREMENT COVERAGE DETERMINATIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT  
OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS**

- 1. REASON FOR ISSUE:** To delegate authority for determining an employee's entitlement to coverage under the special retirement provisions for law enforcement officers and firefighters.
- 2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS/MAJOR CHANGES:** This directive sets forth policies and responsibilities for issuing law enforcement officer and firefighter special retirement coverage determinations. This directive:
- a. Delegates to facility Directors the authority to issue determinations denying special retirement system coverage.
  - b. Establishes procedures for requesting approval of coverage from the Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and Administration.
- 3. RESPONSIBLE OFFICE:** Employee Relations Division (058A), Employee Relations and Performance Management Service, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Resources Management.
- 4. RELATED HANDBOOK:** There is no handbook for this directive.
- 5. RESCISSIONS:** None.

**CERTIFIED BY:**

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**1. PURPOSE.** This directive provides Departmental policy for determining an entitlement to coverage under the special retirement provisions for law enforcement officers and firefighters.

### **2. POLICY**

a. Facility Directors are authorized to issue determinations denying special retirement coverage.

b. The Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and Administration approves special retirement coverage. If a facility Director determines that coverage may be appropriate, all relevant information including the rationale for concluding that coverage may be appropriate will be forwarded to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Resources Management (05) or designee for review and recommendation. If it is determined that coverage is not appropriate, the case will be returned to the facility Director for completion as a denial.

c. Coverage decisions will be based on the guidance contained in Chapter 46 of the *Civil Service Retirement System and Federal Employees Retirement System Handbook* (formerly Federal Personnel Manual Supplement 830-1). The Handbook provides a Statement of Authority listing the statutory and regulatory provisions covering the special retirement coverage rules.